

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim ~~13~~20 wherein the angle is approximately 45°.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the openings of each device are disposed on one of the claws of the ~~turnbuckle~~ device.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 wherein the wedge has a constant size along the wedge guiding direction.

20. (Currently Amended) A concrete shell system comprising:
concrete shell elements;

at least one device for clamping the concrete shell elements to one another, the device having spaced apart opposing claws displaceable toward one another in a clamping direction, the claws being configured for guiding one another for enabling the displacement toward and into one another in the clamping direction;

teeth disposed on one of the claws, said teeth being slanted at an angle with respect to the clamping direction;

a slidable wedge disposed through claw openings for causing displacement of the claws upon translational sliding movement of the wedge within the

openings in a wedge guiding direction, said wedge guiding direction being inclined at an angle ~~less than 90°~~ between 40° and 85° with respect to said clamping direction; and

spaced apart parallel linear grooves disposed in said wedge for engaging said teeth for causing the displacement of the claws upon the translational sliding movement of the wedge within the claw openings.

21. (Previously Presented) The concrete shell system according to claim 20 further comprising a plurality of the devices.

22. (Previously Presented) The concrete shell system according to claim 21 further comprising multiple mounting positions, each mounting position receiving one of the devices, the mounting positions being spaced apart from one another and aligned on a straight line perpendicular to the clamping direction, with the wedges inclined with respect to the straight line in order to enabling access to the wedges for movement of the wedges.

23. (Currently Amended) A concrete shell system comprising:
concrete shell elements each element having multiple spaced apart device mounting positions disposed along a straight line;

devices for clamping the concrete shell elements, one device being received at each mounting position, the devices each having two claws and a wedge, the claws of each device being displaceable toward and into one another in a clamping direction, each wedge being slidably guided in each clamping device along a wedge guiding direction with a sliding position of each wedge in the each device determining displacement of the claws of each device,

the wedge of each ~~devices having unattached free ends enabling insertion of each wedge through corresponding claws openings, each wedge~~ device being positioned with a central axis running along the wedge guiding direction inclined with respect to the straight line and at an angle ~~less than 90°~~ between 40° and 85° with respect to the clamping direction in order to avoid collisions of neighboring devices as each

wedge is ~~transitionally~~ translationally advanced or driven out, each wedge having spaced
apart parallel linear grooves for engaging teeth in on of the claws of each device.

Claim 24 (Cancelled).